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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: METROPOLITAN TRAIN

REF: A) BOGOTA 8728; B) STATE 220570

1. REGARDING QUESTIONS REFTEL B) FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED BY EMBASSY: SYSTEM WILL USE EXISTING RR TRACKS. DESIGN CONSTRUCTION METROPOLITAN HIGHWAY WILL TAKE PLACE BEFORE TRAINS BEGIN ACTUAL OPERATIONS. METRO SYSTEM WILL USE A PORTION OF THE ALREADY AVAILABLE LOCOMOTIVES AND ROLLING STOCK, HOWEVER, IMPORTATION OF TRACTION BREAKING AND WHEELING SYSTEMS WILL BE REQUIRED. SOME OF THE NEW NON-SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT WILL BE LOCALLY MANUFACTURED. THE COLOMBIAN METALWORKING FEDERATION IS ALREADY PRESSING THIS POINT BEFORE BOGOTA CITY COUNCIL. THE STRONGLY SUGGESTING THAT TOTAL REPLACEMENT OF LOCOMOTIVES AND PASSENGERS CARS MUST TAKE PLACE SINCE EXISTING EQUIPMENT IS NOT CAPABLE TO CARRY OUT URBAN TRANSIT OPERATIONS. ALONGSIDE THIS THINKING INSTITUTO DE DESARROLLO URBANO (IDU) ENVISIONS TOTAL ACQUISITION OF EFFICIENT COMMUTER TRAINING AND/OR TRANSIT CARS. HERE AGAIN SOME LOCAL ASSEMBLY WILL TAKE PLACE BUT A VERY LARGE PORTION WILL BE IMPORTED.

2. REGARDING PARAGRAPH THREE EMBASSY CONTACTED IDU DIRECTOR WHO VOLENTEERED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: COST FOR DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES, UNDERPASSED, ACQUISITION OF IMPORTED EQUIPMENT, LOCAL ASSEMBLY OF MANUFACTURE WILL BE IN UNCLASSIFIED

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THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF 120 MILLION COLOMBIAN PESOS PER KILOMETER.

TOTAL NUMBER OF KILOMETERS EXPECTED TO BE 176, THUS TOTAL
COST OF PROJECT WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 800 MILLION DOLLARS AT
TODAY'S RATE OF EXCHANGE.

3. IDU REPS AND OTHERS CLAIM PROJECT WILL BE APPROVED BEFORE
END OF 1974. HOWEVER, SCOPE OF PROJECT MAY DELAY THIS TIMETABLE
SOMEWHAT.

4. EMBASSY WILL SUPPLY FURTHER INFORMATION WHEN AVAILABLE.
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